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HOXHA REPORTED NEGOTIATING WITH TITO -- To Vine, No 1373, 30 Cct 49

London -- It has been reliably reported that Premier Hower Hoxha of Albania is negotiating with the Iugoslavs to abandon the Cominform camp and to reanimate his former friendship with Tito.

To Vima, No 1373, 30 Oct 49

London -- Information from Trieste relates that 7,000 armed and disillusioned Greek guerrillas, who fled to Albania after their defeat on Grammos, are roaming the countrysides of Albania looting and pillaging. In many sections of Albania the government seems to have lost control, and many guerrillas who revolted against the Cominform's orders that they go to Bulgaria by the water route joined up with strong forces which are against Hoxha.

THREE COURSES POSSIBLE -- To Vina, No 1375, 2 Nov 49

London, 1 Hovember -- The internal difficulties in Albania are considered critical and not just temporary. Consequently, a change in the present form of the Albanian government is considered unavoidable. Greek observers limit the change in the Albanian status quo to three possibilities: (1) Albania's veering toward Tito through efforts of internal powers. (2) the present regime's breaking away from the USER under the form of Hoxhism, and (3) the Free Albanian Committee's directing the change. The first condition is considered the most likely possibility; the third, least likely. -- A. Phimakos

HOXHA REFUSES MOSCOW ORDER TO RESIGN -- Akropolis, No 6930, 13 Nov 49

Paris -- Tirans is in confusion those days. The Cominform has accussed Enver Hoxha of Titoism. This accusation brings astonishment, because Hoxha has

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been considered the affectionate child of the Kremlin. Indignation against Moscow, however, is manifest in Albania. Hoxha, despite his curses on Tito, is now considered wayward.

Hoxha's first varning from Moscow came when he was asked to reinforce Markos' guerrillas and was accused of negligence and "narrow-mindedness" in his mission for the first time in his life. Later, Hoxha received another and more serious warning. He was ordered to appear before the leaders of the Cominform in Moscow. However, for the first time, Hoxha disobeyed the Kremlin's orders. Furthermore, he accepted an invitation from Tito to come to Yugoslavia to discuss matters concerning the purchase of lead, manganese, and phosphorus.

Only a few days ago, Horha met with Mose Pijada, Tito's first associate. Pijada, the eminent theorist of the "Tito dogma." is the man holding the greetest influence over Tito. Pijada arrived in Tirana bearing definite proposals from Tito.

At this meeting Pijade proposed:

- 1. Reopening of the Albanian-Yugoslav borders.
- 2. Resumption of trade relations between Albania and Yugoslavia.
- 3. A Tito-Hoxha meeting at a point on the Albanian-Yugoslav border.

When Moscow was informed of these Iugoslav proposals, Vishinsky, who was in New York at the UN General Assembly, met privately with Kardelj, the Iugoslav representative and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The next day, the fireworks began. A telegram was dispatched from Moscow to Tirana. The Kremlin accused Hoxha of being a traitor to Communism. Hoxha was asked to resign immediately from his position as chief of staff of the Albanian Army and to substitute someone else. Hoxha, however, had no desire to resign. He answered Moscow, through his representative, that he has always remained faithful to the People's Democracies and that he is willing to repent.

This is how the situation stands at present.

Will Moscow be satisfied with an academic manifestation of repentance instead of a resignation? It is very doubtful. Howha will probably not hesitate at a chance to obtain more power and authority, even if he has to follow Tito's example.

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